

Nursery	Reception
3 and 4-year-olds will be learning to:	Children in reception will be learning to:
Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.	Explore the natural world around them.
Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties.	Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside.
Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary	Recognise some environments that are different from the one in which they live.
Explore how things work.	Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.
Plant seeds and care for growing plants.	
Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal.	ELG: The Natural World
Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.	Children at the expected level of development will: - Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants;
Explore and talk about different forces they can feel.	
Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice.	- Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class;
	- Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.



Ideas and evidence:							
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
Children will discuss what ideas are with teacher and where ideas come from.	Children will discuss and define the term evidence and begin to identify what evidence is and match it to certain ideas. Eg: wood floats Evidence: put some wood in water.	hey recognise why it is important to collect data to answer questions	They recognise why it is important to collect data to answer questions and begin to do so in investigations :	1. Pupils recognise that scientific ideas are based on evidence 2. Pupils describe how experimental evidence and creative thinking have been combined to provide a scientific explanation	1. Pupils recognise that scientific ideas are based on evidence and begin to find evidence to back up their own theories in investigations 2. Pupils describe how experimental evidence and creative thinking have been combined to provide a scientific explanation and investigate specific scientists to model how their theories are backed up with scientific evidence and start to create against existing theories.		



Planning:					
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Year 1 1. Pupils respond to suggestions about how to find things out and, with help, make their own suggestions about how to collect data to answer questions.and recorded as group work or as photographic evidence 2. They use simple texts, with help, to find information done normally as group work and teacher led learning	Year 2 1. Pupils respond to suggestions about how to find things out and, with help, make their own suggestions about how to collect data to answer questions and record this in their books as independent work though some photographic and group work may still be evident. 2. They use simple texts, with help, to find information but more independently	Year 3 1. Pupils respond to suggestions and put forward their own ideas about how to find the answer to a question. 2. They use simple texts to find information. 3. Where appropriate, they carry out a fair test with some help, recognising and explaining why it is fair.		Year 5 1. In their own investigative work, they decide on an appropriate approach for example, using a fair test to answer a question. 2. Where appropriate, they describe, or show in the way they perform their task, how to vary one factor while keeping others the same with support 3. Where appropriate, they make predictions. They select information from sources provided for them 4. When they try to answer a scientific question, they identify an appropriate approach.	Year 6 1. In their own investigative work, they decide on an appropriate approach for example, using a fair test to answer a question and identify how to keep it a fair test 2. Where appropriate, they independently describe, or show in the way they perform their task, how to vary one factor while keeping others the same. 3. Where appropriate, they make predictions. They select information from sources provided for them 4. When they try to answer a scientific question, they identify an appropriate approach and can explain why they have chosen that approach. 5. They select from a range of sources of
			and independent variables with support.	 5. When the investigation involves a fair test, they identify key factors to be considered with support if needed 6. Where appropriate, they make predictions based on their scientific knowledge and understanding. 	information. 6. When the investigation involves a fair test, they identify key factors to be considered independently 7. Where appropriate, they make predictions based on their scientific knowledge and understanding and can explain their hypothesis using appropriate scientific vocabulary





Carrying out investigations						
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
1. They use simple	1. They use simple	1. They make	1. They make	They select suitable	1. They select suitable	
equipment	equipment	relevant	relevant	equipment and make a	equipment and make a	
provided and make	provided and make	observations and	observations and	series of	series of	
observations	observations	measure quantities,	measure quantities,	observations and	observations and	
related to their task with	related to their task and	such as length or	such as length or	measurements that are	measurements that are	
support	start to do this	mass, using a	mass, using a	adequate for the task and	adequate for the task	
	independently	range of simple	range of simple	start to explain why they	They can explain why the	
2. They observe and		equipment and record it	equipment. The majority	have chosen certain	apparatus is the most	
compare objects,	2. They observe and	as a class and some can	can do this independently	apparatus	suitable and plan out how	
living things and events	compare objects,	record data	with some children	O. The consideration and analysis	best to use it.	
and discuss and record	living things and events	independently	needing support.	2. They select apparatus	O. They added an active	
findings as a class.	and can start to question			for a range of tasks and	2. They select apparatus	
	their findings.			plan to use it effectively.	for a range of tasks and plan to use it	
				enectively.	Effectively and explain	
				3. They make a series of	how they will ensure the	
				observations,	apparatus meets the	
				comparisons or	needs for a fair test	
				measurements with	needs for a fair test	
				precision appropriate to	3. They make a series of	
				the task	observations,	
					comparisons or	
					measurements with	
					precision appropriate and	
					then can input and record	
					the data accurately.	



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they expected any anomalous findings or unexpected occurrences 2. They suggest improvements in their work. 2. They suggest improvements in their work and explain how they would design their investigation differently if they were to do it again 2. They suggest improvements in their work and explain how they would design their investigation differently if they were to do it again 3. They suggest improvements in their work, giving reasons. 4. They begin to relate their conclusions to these patterns and to oscientific knowledge and understanding. 3. They suggest improvements in their work, giving reasons. 4. They begin to relate their conclusions to these patterns scientific knowledge and understanding. 4. They begin to repeat observations and measurement and to offer simple explanations for any differences they encounter. 5. They draw conclusions that are consistent with the evidence and begin to relate these to scientific knowledge and understanding. 6. They make about how the methods could be and understanding. They begin to relate their conclusions to these patterns and to oscientific knowledge and understanding.	nowledge and ing. ggest improvements in giving reasons. derstand the need to ervations and ents and to explanations for any they encounter. aw conclusions that are with the evidence or elate these to scientific and ing and link their is to other scientific steep the scientific and ing and link their is to other scientific steep the scientific and ing and link their is to other scientific steep the scientific steep the scientific and ing and link their is to other scientific steep the scientific steep the scientific and ing and link their ing and link their scientific steep the scientific steep the scientific steep the scientific scientific steep the scientific



Recording and presenting data:							
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
1. Pupils describe or respond appropriately to simple features of objects, living things and events they observe, communicating their findings in simple ways for example, talking about their work, through drawings, simple charts and photographs 2. They describe their observations using scientific vocabulary and record them, using simple tables when appropriate and with support	1. Pupils describe or respond appropriately to simple features of objects, living things and events they observe, communicating their findings in simple ways for example, talking about their work, through drawings, simple charts and some will be able to record findings in writing using appropriate vocabulary 2. They describe their observations using scientific vocabulary and record them, using simple tables when appropriate and some will start to do this independently	1. They record their observations in a variety of ways including photographic evidence, tables and to start to investigate how graphs are used to present evidence 2. They communicate in a scientific way what they have found out.	1. They record their observations in a variety of ways including tables and using tallies and frequency linked to maths learning. The children will start to make graphs to show their data and verbally explain what the graphs show. 2. They communicate in a scientific way what they have found out and use this to start to form scientific conclusions.	 They record their observations, comparisons and measurements using tables and bar charts and start to suggest the most appropriate graph to record the data in. They begin to plot points to form simple graphs. They begin to communicate their conclusions with appropriate scientific language. They record observations and measurements systematically and, where appropriate, present data as line graphs. They use appropriate scientific language and conventions to communicate quantitative and qualitative data. 	 They record their observations, comparisons and measurements using tables and bar charts and can explain what graph they will use the record the data and why. They begin to plot points to form simple graphs and can explain what the graph shows in their results. They begin to communicate their conclusions with appropriate scientific language and compare their findings to other science learning they have done making connections. They record observations and measurements systematically and, where appropriate, present data as line graphs independently They use appropriate scientific language and conventions to communicate quantitative and qualitative data and explain how this data supports and disproves their hypothesis and why. 		